



Members of Team 4976, the GDHS Rebels, had one of the final robots left standing at last weekend's FIRST World Championships in St. Louis, Mo., out of 400 entries. Rebellion II bowed out to the eventual winners in the finals and ended up with a top-10 finish in the school's first-ever trip to the global event. *Submitted photo*

## Rebel robotics top 10 on the planet

Making its first-ever appearance at the world championships, Georgetown District High School's robotics team advanced through several stages before being eliminated in the final round of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition held in St. Louis, Mo. this past weekend.

The Rebels, known as Team 4976 Rebellion II for the event, finished fourth in the preliminary round of the Daly Division with a record of 8-2 before sweeping through opposing alliances in the quarterfinals.

With 43 students, teaching staff and

several mentors having professional backgrounds on board, the Rebels made it through to the finals before their alliance was defeated by four other U.S.-based high school teams.

The theme for this year's FIRST competition is Steamworks and participating teams will be challenged to supply fuel cells and gears to an airship that would allow it to take flight at the end of the two-minute, 15-second match, with the object being to accumulate the most points.

GDHS's climb rate was 90 per cent with its robot.



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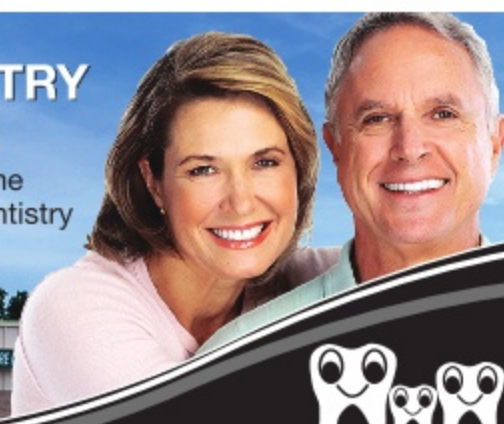
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